a cylindrical skirt wall extending downwardly from the peripheral edge of the top panel wall and formed from a synthetic resin as a single unit with the top panel wall;

an outer cylindrical sealing protrusion extending downwardly from the inner surface of the top panel wall and having a minimum internal diameter D1;

an inner cylindrical sealing protrusion extending downwardly from the inner surface of the top panel wall and having a maximum external diameter D3; and

an annular sealing ridge located between the outer cylindrical sealing protrusion and the inner cylindrical sealing protrusion and projecting downwardly from the inner surface of the top panel wall, wherein:

$0.05 \leqq (D2 - D1) \leqq 0.60$ mm, and $0.25 \leqq (D3 - D4) \leqq 1.50$ mm, so that when the container closure is mounted on the mouth-neck portion of the container, the inner peripheral surface of the outer cylindrical sealing protrusion is in close contact with the outer peripheral surface of the mouth-neck portion, the outer peripheral surface of the inner cylindrical sealing protrusion is in close contact with the inner peripheral surface of the mouth-neck portion, and the annular sealing ridge is in close contact with the top surface of the mouth-neck portion.

2. (Amended) The container closure of claim 1, wherein the outer peripheral surface of the inner cylindrical sealing protrusion extends downwardly with an outward inclination at an angle $\theta 1$ with respect to the

center axis of the container closure and then extends downwardly with an inward inclination at an angle $\theta 2$ with respect to the center axis.

4. (Amended) The container closure of claim 2, wherein the inner peripheral surface of the inner cylindrical sealing protrusion extends downwardly with an outward inclination at an angle $\theta 3$ with respect to the center axis, and then extends substantially parallel with the center axis.

5. (Amended) The container closure of claim 2, wherein the outer peripheral surface of the inner cylindrical sealing protrusion has the maximum external diameter D3 at a positionspaced from the inner surface of the top panel wall by a length L1 of 2.50 to 3.50 mm.

6. (Amended) The container closure of claim 4, wherein the inclination angle $\theta 3$ of the inner peripheral surface of the inner cylindrical sealing protrusion is larger than the inclination angle $\theta 1$ of the outer peripheral surface of the inner cylindrical sealing protrusion at a position above the position having the maximum external diameter D3.

7. (Amended) The container closure of claim 1, wherein the inner peripheral surface of the outer cylindrical sealing protrusion extends downwardly with an inward inclination at an angle $\theta 4$ with respect to the center axis, and then extends outwardly in a radial direction.

9. (Amended) The container closure of claim 7, wherein the outer peripheral surface of the outer cylindrical sealing protrusion extends downwardly with an inward inclination at an angle $\theta 5$ with respect to the center axis.

11. (Amended) The container closure of claim 7, wherein the inner peripheral surface of the outer cylindrical sealing protrusion has the minimum internal diameter D1 at a positionspaced from the inner surface of the top panel wall by a length L2 of 0.60 to 1.50 mm.

12. (Amended) The container closure of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of ribs formed on the inner surface of a center portion of the top panel wall, within the inner cylindrical sealing protrusion, the center portion having a thickness T1 of 0.80 to 1.20 mm, each of the ribs having a thickness T2 of 0.20 to 1.00 mm, and the total (T1 + T2) of the thickness T1 and the thickness T2 is 1.20 to 1.80 mm.

18. (Amended) The container closure of claim 12, wherein the ribs have a rectangular cross section, the area of the center portion of the top panel wall is S1, the total area of the ribs is S2, and $0.10S1 < S2 < 0.40S1$.

19. (Amended) The container closure of claim 18, wherein $0.15S1 < S2 < 0.35S1$.

20. (Amended) A synthetic resin container closure comprising:

a circular top panel wall;

a cylindrical skirt wall extending downwardly from the peripheral edge of the top panel wall and formed from a synthetic resin as a single unit with the top panel wall;

a cylindrical sealing protrusion extending downwardly from the inner surface of the top panel wall and adapted to be brought into close contact with the inner peripheral surface of the mouth-neck portion of a container; and

a plurality of ribs formed on the inner surface of a center portion of the top panel wall, within the cylindrical sealing protrusion, the center portion having a thickness T1 of 0.80 to 1.20 mm, each of the ribs having a thickness T2 of 0.20 to 1.00 mm, and the total (T1 + T2) of the thickness T1 and the thickness T2 is 1.20 to 1.80 mm.

26. (Amended) The container closure of claim 20, wherein the ribs have a rectangular cross section, the area of the center portion of the top panel wall is S1, the total area of the ribs is S2, and $0.10S1 < S2 < 0.40S1$.

27. (Amended) The container closure of claim 26, wherein $0.15S1 < S2 < 0.35S1$.

28. (Amended) A synthetic resin container closure for closing a container having a mouth-neck portion with an internal diameter D4, said container closure comprising:

a circular top panel wall;

a cylindrical skirt wall extending downwardly from the peripheral edge of the top panel wall and formed from a synthetic resin as a single unit with the top panel wall;

an outer cylindrical sealing protrusion extending downwardly from the inner surface of the top panel wall;

an inner cylindrical sealing protrusion extending downwardly from the inner surface of the top panel wall and having a maximum external diameter D3; and

an annular sealing ridge located between the outer cylindrical sealing protrusion and the inner cylindrical sealing protrusion and projecting downwardly from the inner surface of the top panel wall, wherein:

$0.25 \leqq (D3 - D4) \leqq 1.50$ mm, so that when the container closure is mounted on the mouth-neck portion of the container, the inner peripheral surface of the outer cylindrical sealing protrusion is in close contact with the outer peripheral surface of the mouth-neck portion, the outer peripheral surface of the inner cylindrical sealing protrusion is in close contact with the inner peripheral surface of the mouth-neck portion, and the annular sealing ridge is in close contact with the top surface of the mouth-neck portion; an

the inner peripheral surface of the outer cylindrical sealing protrusion extends downwardly with an outward inclination at an angle $\theta 6$ with respect to the center axis of the container closure and then extends downwardly and radially outwardly in an arc form.

30. (Amended) The container closure of claim 28, wherein the outer peripheral surface of the inner cylindrical sealing protrusion extends

downwardly with an outward inclination at an angle $\theta 1$ with respect to the center axis of the container closure and then extends downwardly with an inward inclination at an angle $\theta 2$ with respect to the center axis.

32. (Amended) The container closure of claim 30, wherein the inner peripheral surface of the inner cylindrical sealing protrusion extends downwardly with an outward inclination at an angle $\theta 3$ with respect to the center axis, and then extends substantially parallel with the center axis.

33. (Amended) The container closure of claim 30, wherein the outer peripheral surface of the inner cylindrical sealing protrusion has the maximum external diameter D3 at a position spaced from the inner surface of the top panel wall by a length L1 of 2.50 to 3.50 mm.

34. (Amended) The container closure of claim 32, wherein the inclination angle $\theta 3$ of the inner peripheral surface of the inner cylindrical sealing protrusion is larger than the inclination angle $\theta 1$ of the outer peripheral surface of the inner cylindrical sealing protrusion at a position above the position having the maximum external diameter D3.

Please add the following new claims:

--35. The container closure of claim 28, wherein $10 \leqq \theta 6 \leqq 25°$.

36. A beverage container and closure, comprising:

a container having a mouth-neck portion with an external diameter D2 and an internal diameter D4; and

a container closure formed from a synthetic resin as a single unit and having a circular top panel wall, a cylindrical skirt wall extending downwardly from the peripheral edge of the top panel wall, an outer cylindrical sealing protrusion extending downwardly from the inner surface of the top panel wall and having a minimum internal diameter D1, an inner cylindrical sealing protrusion extending downwardly from the inner surface of the top panel wall and having a maximum external diameter D3, and an annular sealing ridge located between the outer cylindrical sealing protrusion and the inner cylindrical sealing protrusion and projecting downwardly from the inner surface of the top panel wall, wherein:

$0.05 \leqq (D2 - D1) \leqq 0.60$ mm, and $0.25 \leqq (D3 - D4) \leqq 1.50$ mm, so that when the container closure is mounted on the mouth-neck portion of the container, the inner peripheral surface of the outer cylindrical sealing protrusion is in close contact with the outer peripheral surface of the mouth-neck portion, the outer peripheral surface of the inner cylindrical sealing protrusion is in close contact with the inner peripheral surface of the mouth-neck portion, and the annular sealing ridge is in close contact with the top surface of the mouth-neck portion.--

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